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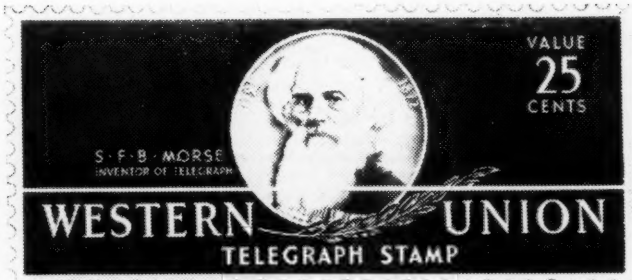

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THE Centenary Year of the postage stamp provided few outstanding events for philatelic history. As could be expected, most activity centered around observance of the centenary, with numerous local exhibitions and dinners. Enthusiasm was dampened considerably by the calling off of the proposed great exhibition at London and the failure of a U. S. commemorative to materialize.

The war's effects were seriously felt in 1940. Normal stamp supplies from Europe were reduced to a trickle, as the belligerents on one pretext or other shut off philatelic commerce. In contrast refugee dealers and refugee accumulations poured in providing headaches of several kinds, mainly an uncertainty regarding prices of very recent issues. American dealers turned to their last and least used source of stamps — Latin America — only to find a severe lack of reliable agents. As could be expected, several countries took advantage with some issues that aggravated matters; but most of the new issue troubles seemed settled when the Pan American Union took steps to serve as a sort of philatelic agency of the 20 Latin member nations.

The expanded stamp policy of the U. S. reached an all time high during the year, with considerable division of opinion within the hobby concerning whether this was good or bad for philately. Newer collectors seemed enthusiastic for more and more stamps; while the older collectors generally took the opposite stand. Despite the quantity, mailings of first day covers continued heavy with some records broken; while a heavy market in plate blocks and used sets set in as soon as the first two sets appeared of the Famous. Most welcome development in postal practice was the policy of distributing new stamps to all except the smallest offices, assuring widespread use. An additional method of postal operations, with interesting possibilities for the cancellation specialist groups loomed on the horizon with passage by Congress of a bill authorizing traveling highway post offices.

Tempest in a teapot, or should we say "much ado about nothing?" was the attention given pre-first day releases of new stamps and Mr. Ickes gummed Farleys. While neither should have happened, the existence of these items was of little importance and most of the hullabaloo came from those who were not familiar with either.

Exaggerated importance has always been directed — or so we thought to shades of many stamps. To the printer and chemist, many of the shade distinctions sound silly. We felt justified in this view when last summer Y. Souren demonstrated at his research laboratories how the lake shade of the 2c Panama Pacific could occur through application of heat to a normal stamp, and were pleased to be able to publish this a few weeks ago. This revelation seems the most important bit of research data added to our hobby in the year.

The militarization of our country had at the end of the year as yet but slight effect on the hobby. 1941 will see the effect of the program, destined to remove temporarily or permanently from the hobby many of its most active members.

Despite the sweeping changes in governments and the downfall of a number, stamp issues did not assume proportions expected with such changes. Conquerors seemed too busy, and conquered too crushed to bother with providing any more postage stamps than were necessary. Probably the fact that the conquerors could sell their stamps only to their own peoples accounted for the lack of victory (and revenue) issues.

—R. R.

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It's News This Week

New Zealand Letter

Wilcox, Smith and Co., Dunedin, New Zealand report that Centennials are coming in very slowly and it is impossible to supply all orders for used. The 2½d, 5d, 8d. and 9d. are especially scarce as there is little use for these values in the Dominion. All Centennials will soon become obsolete in or about February, 1941.

There are many rumors about of changes in our October 1936 Pictorials; one is that we are to have a George VI set but we do not know what truth is in it. If the rumor is correct, the 1936 issue, USED, will be scarce. Of this issue, 2½d, 8d and 9d. are the scarcest.

At present we dealers are suffering badly as all our exports of stamps beyond New Zealand are hung up. The Chief Censor has totally prohibited the export. We are fairly sure that the prohibition will soon be lifted as great pressure has been brought to bear from an army of collectors.

Pitcairn Island issue is now available but as they are in sterling, they are dear for New Zealand Collectors.

A. I. F. Australians are in great demand. When issued they were supposed to only last four months but are still going strong.

There is quite a boom in stamps not only in New Zealand and Australia but from U. S. A. and all British Colonies and this notwithstanding the Great War. Whilst on the War we New Zealand Stamp people would like to say how much we appreciate the splendid help being given to the British Empire by the U. S. A.

Norfolk Stamps Postponed

The *Australian Stamp Journal* reports that a resident of Norfolk Island obtained a statement from the Island postmaster that "no stamps are to be issued for the present." The postmaster stated further that to obtain special stamps, legislation was necessary, but that the question might be revived in the future. Early this year there were definite reports from Australia that stamps were actually being prepared, so further explanation on this matter is awaited.

Stamp Club Activities

Bureau Issues Assn. — James H. Obrig has been appointed by the Board of Governors to the office of President for the balance of the term of the late Hugh M. Southgate. The November and December issues of the "Bureau Specialist" were combined in order that its contents might pay a full tribute to the founder of the society.

Canton, O. — The McKinley Stamp Club will be guests of the Coin Club at the January 6 meeting of the latter at the Hotel Belden.

Cleveland, O. — Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26, are the dates for the annual exhibition and bourse of the Cleveland Stamp Club at the Hotel Hollenden. Instead of the annual banquet, a Jamboree will be held at 9:30 P. M., with a charge of $1 per person for the light lunch and the entertainment, which will be informal and non-philatelic in nature. Mr. E. N. Ong, 700 Hanna Bldg., is bourse chairman and will be glad to hear from dealers desiring bourse reservations. This club was one of the co-sponsors of the recent fine S. P. A. Convention at Cleveland.

Columbus, Ohio — The Columbus Philatelic Club is completing plans for its annual exhibition and bourse at the Chittenden Hotel, Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20. A portion of the bourse room will be set aside for use of precancel traders and swappers, many of whom are expected to attend the meeting. The exhibition will feature some outstanding items loaned from several of the outstanding collections in the U. S. A. buffet supper will be the feature of Saturday evening, with each club member being given a free ticket. Others may obtain tickets at cost of the supper, $1.00.

14 Meters At Capital

The Post Office Department in the most extended use of the meter machine yet noted, has installed a total of 14 omni-denomination meter machines at the parcel post windows at the main post office and the Benjamin Franklin Station at Washington. Eight of the machines are at the main office, the others at the Station. This is the first large-scale test of the machines under Christmas rush conditions.

Windsor Wants First Day

Windsor, Vt., scene of the meeting in 1777 which formed the Constitution of independent Vermont and also the meeting of the first legislature, wants the Vermont statehood commemorative (when and if issued) first day at that city. A committee of the Windsor Stamp Club, headed by Vice-President C. Houghton Hoisington is working to effect this.

Still standing in the town is the old tavern in which the state government was first organized at a time when British and Indians were invading the region of Lake Champlain and invasion of the Green Mountain state was imminent. At Bennington on August 3, 1927 a stamp was issued to commemorate the victory of the Green Mountain Boys over St. Leger and his Indians at that point, the stamp also commemorating the sesquicentennial of Vermont's independence.

Tulsa Program at New Time

One of the oldest stamp programs in the middlewest will be heard at a new time of 4:45 P. M. each Sunday afternoon, the Tulsa Stamp Club announces. One of their members, acting anonymously, conducts the program over radio station KVOO (1140 kc.) at Tulsa, Okla.

November Plate Numbers

Only two postage stamp plates were made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during November, one of the smallest outputs recorded. The two pates were additional 400-subject rotary press plates for the 3c Defense and were assigned number 22693 and 22694.

Only a scant dozen plates which had not previously been used, were sent to press during the month. These included 1c Defense 22679 and 22684; 2c Defense 22675-76-86-87; and 3c Jefferson Presidential sidewise coil 22321-22-23-24-27-28.

Larger quantities of the Defense plates are anticipated during the coming months since these three stamps have replaced the three coresponding values of ordinary sheet stamps of the Presidentials.

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The photo shows a scene being "shot" for the production. Edwin Brooks is seated with a copy of LINN'S in his hands.

The film has been "shot" in color, thus giving the audience viewing it a real look into philately with every stamp photographed in natural color. As sponsor of

the Triangle Cinema League of Chicago, Mr. Brooks prevailed upon the producer, Mr. Martin Winn, to use this publication in certain scenes, thus "LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS" for the first time in its history goes "Hollywood".

For one sequence Radio Station WEDC in Chicago was used together with all the equipment; for another, offices in the J. P. I. settlement house were used. Plans are in progress to have recordings of music to go with the film and a special premiere will be held at the end of January, 1941.

The story is a simple affair of a radio singer murdered by his faithless but pretty wife, involving several innocent people until the detective of the Philo Vance type, also a stamp collector in his spare time, solves the crime in the last fifty feet of the film. Running time of the picture will be about 40 minutes.

Firm Changes Name

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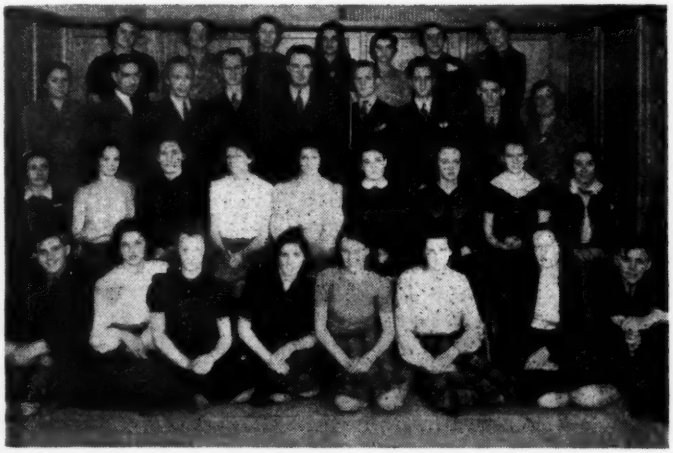

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Jan. 7—U. S. and foreign. Max F. Bier Co., P. O. Box 14, Staten Island, N. Y.

Jan. 8-9 — British Colonies, including wholesale. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 551 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Jan. 10—Airmails, covers, foreign. The Stamp Studio, P. O. Box 11, Station W, New York City.

Jan. 10-11—50th U. S. Auction. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

Jan. 13 — U. S. Proofs, Essays, trial colors, "Earl of Crawford" collection. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 551 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Jan. 14-15—U. S. Essays, and the complete Atlanta Trial Color proofs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co., Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York City.

Jan. 15—General foreign, airs. L. Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Mich.

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• The National Postage Meter Co. has changed the design of their meter device. The imitation perforations around the rectangular denomination indicia has been changed to a wavy line and the inscriptions reduced and rearranged, with the date being inside a single-line instead of double-line circle. Specimens submitted by Adam Gruenig.

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Philatelic Phun

By Elvin W. Person
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There is a story current in London of a stamp dealer who returned home from his day's work and remarked to his wife: "These gas masks seem to get heavier with carrying."

"Yes, dear" replied his wife sweetly, "You went away this morning with the box you keep the stamp albums in."

Phil A. Telist: "You are certainly a good speaker on stamps. We enjoy hearing you at the club very much. How do you do it?

Phil O. Wise: "Oh that's easy. I just prepare a clever beginning and a brilliant ending, and then see to it that nothing gets in between."

At the Pondicherry Stamp Club they were having debates. After the second speaker had finished his talk, the president asked him, "What do you mean by twaddle?"

"That refers to the argument advanced by the other side."

1st Collector: "How much are you going to spend on your collection?"

2nd Collector: "Between 98 and 100 dollars."

1st Collector: "Isn't that quite a bit of money to spend on stamps?"

2nd Collector: "Oh, two dollars isn't so much."

The Manager of ..... Stamp company encouraged the staff to think of ideas for the smoother running of business. One day the office boy entered the manager's office and announced that he had thought of a way of insuring that no one would be late in the future.

"That sounds good", said the manager. "How do you propose to do it?"

"Well that's easy," replied the embryo dealer, "The last one in will start the work going."

Why is Linn's Weekly Stamp News like a wife?

Answer: Because every man should have one and not run after his neighbors.

"I hope you liked those new English stamp tongs I sent you from London."

"Oh, is that what they were? I have been making my husband eat his salad with them!"

"What position did you hold in your last place?" asked the stamp dealer.

"I was a doer, sir."

"A doer! What's that?"

"Well, sir, you see, when my employer wanted anything done he would tell his stenographer, the steno would tell the approval manager, the approval manager would tell the packet assorter, and the packet assorter would tell me."

"And what would happen then?"

"Well, sir, as I hadn't anyone to tell it to, I'd do it."

At the end of the first week away from home, the young husband had a job working for a stamp dealer. He wrote to his wife, "Made bookkeeper approval department — feather in my cap."

After the second week he wrote: "Made manager approval department — another feather in my cap."

But after the third week he wired: "Fired — send money."

His wife telegraphed back: "Use feathers. Fly home."

Collector: (enthusiastically) "I think stamps are made in heaven."

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Christmas Meter Slogans

With the approaching holiday season, there are many new postage meter slogans for the collector. It is an ideal way to encourage Christmas buying and to send greetings to customers. One of the earliest slogans comes from Montgomery, Alabama, and reads, "Visit our showroom for a full line of holiday merchandise." A year-round one that is particular good advice at Christmas comes from Virginia and reads, "Cedar chests, the gift that starts a home."

The majority of Yuletide slogans are used for the month preceding December 25. One department store reminded its customers when mailing out the November 1 statements to "Buy a gift a day." Some stores play up to the customer who likes a gift better if it comes from a certain store, so they say, "A gift from Taylor's means more," and "It's Mableys for smart gifts." An odd one from Philadelphia reads, "Be gifty, thrifty, and wise —buy at . . . " For a large variety of Christmas merchandise there are, "Ten floors of gifts and Christmas city," and "From Joslin's world's fair of gifts."

Portland, Oregon, used a bicolor slogn in 1937, red and green and the message, "Portland's own Christmas store." These bicolors have never been common, but add the warmth of the season.

The utility companies appear to be the second largest user of Yuletide slogans. From Portland, Maine, comes, "Electrical gifts last," and from Chattanooga, Tenn., "Give electrical gifts for Christmas." Maryland contributes, "Electric appliances are welcome gifts." A rare one comes from Salt Lake City and reads, "Warmest greetings of the season" with picture of two candles. The telephone companies say, "Send your holiday greetings by telephone."

Each year different slogan dies are used to extend Christmas greetings. A common one in 1939 was two bells ringing out the cheery message. This year two new ones have appeared, one is of a Christmas tree and one is of a snow man; each has the appropriate greeting. These holiday slogans should be saved carefully as their limited use makes them rather rare.

—Althea Harvey,
4 Park Ave.,
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• Argentina is paying part of the cost of its housing program by a postal tax stamp whose use is required on certain classes of mail.

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Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
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Editor:

I note your comments on my stand on First Day Covers in your "Editor's Notebook" in Nov. 30th Linn's which came just last night.

We actually do have a free-for-all when it comes to precancelling of stamps. Lots of offices will precancel anything in stock at the request of permit-holders. It isn't quite on a par with my idea on first day covers to open up precancelling to anyone turning in stamps, for after all, what I am suggesting is only the same immediate use of stamps in stock for first day covers as is regularly done for precancelling. And the precancel hobby has been thriving because of the unannounced and unexpected novelties that are made this way.

I merely suggest that just as anyone now can get precancels as soon as in stock and sans date limit, the same practice might be extended to new issues when received—and I don't ask that people be allowed to turn in "imports" from elsewhere.

Nobody kicked when the first day issue of several countries on the King George V Jubilee stamps was actually made two or three days ahead of the announced date. The variation made this group of first day covers more interesting. So why kick at extending this good practice?

I'd like you to print this, at least the three middle paragraphs.

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E7	.12	.10	MR4	.06	.01	J11	.02	.03
E8	.30	.35	MR4a	5.00	.30	J12	.03	.02
E9	.15	.15	MR5	.27	.25	J13	.04	.02
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THIS announcement is of great importance to every stamp collector. I shall try to be as brief as possible. It concerns our business and this magazine. I mean to be as frank as possible, for I know that many of our readers fully understand and appreciate my position.

In May 1928 at the request of my father I took charge of his printing plant then known as "The W. M. Linn Sons Co." Father died suddenly a month later. He had been inactive in the business for several years and the plant was managed by parties who took little interest in it other than to get all they could get out of it for themselves. Perhaps they did the best they were able to do, but notwithstanding, the plant was terribly in debt when I took charge and it would not have paid its creditors 25c on the dollar if closed. At this time the plant was doing strictly a commercial printing business of about twenty to twenty-two thousand dollars per year and employing five to six persons.

When I took charge it was agreed that I might start a weekly stamp paper and develop the plant along the lines which I have since followed. The name was changed to LINPRINT INC. as a more satisfactory name under which to do a national business.

Success attended my efforts, the business grew. We needed more room, more machinery and equipment to handle the increasing business. We bought this machinery and we acquired larger quarters. This development cost us between $20,000 and $25,000 over the past twelve year period. We have been able to pay for this program out of the profits of the business and with only a small increase in the debt load which was assumed in 1928. What we have needed has been capital with which to develop. We have a list of approximately 25,000 collectors, all logical prospects for our merchandise and products, yet due to lack of capital we are unable from time to time to print and circulate in one lot, catalogues to all of these people. Such an act would greatly increase our sales. We have been obliged to watch the corners in every way in order to work to the best advantage. Had we been able to acquire capital with which to pay off the old indebtedness and then repay this sum over a long time period, we would have been sitting on top of the world, but we have been obliged to do without that help and at times have had to meet notes for as much as $225 to $250 per month over a period of many months.

Business has been up and down in the past years as we all know. The great depression wrecked many plants, yet we have weathered the storm.

We have made every effort to acquire additional capital. But a small amount has been acquired through sale of stock, most subscriptions that we have had have been for one, two or four shares. It takes a lot of such small subscriptions to add up.

We have got down on our knees to bankers and capitalists, but without success. We even asked help from the RFC but were refused. Perhaps if we wanted to offer someone a first mortgage on our heart and soul and throw in our shirt and our under pants besides we might get some capital, but if we have to freeze to death in the process the game is not worth considering.

We all know that the banks are so lousy with uninvested capital that they are almost at the point where they can no longer pay interest. After several years of effort, we are now at the point where we have determined that we must actually pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps, so to speak. We have considered such plans for many months, always hesitating about putting them into effect, but now we are determined that we are going to start a regular "blitzkreig" for business and on such terms at such prices that every reader of this paper will gladly buy the many items they have wanted and that we will do a business at a profitable figure with all possible speed and see if we can not, by our own efforts, wipe out this old indebtedness that has kept us from progressing as we have planned.

We intend therefore to make a series of offers through this paper that will make you want to buy. We are going to disregard all future prices in making these offers. Our sole object will be to figure cost of production to the very bottom. We shall plan these offers with the expectation of selling a certain quantity. We shall figure production cost on that quantity and then we will put the price as low as we can possibly do so, yet allowing ourselves a sufficient profit to carry on. We have just figured one item in this manner and we find an astonishing result. We are making an offer of this item, this week. You will find it immediately following this article.

Remember, the only way we can make these offers is to handle them in large lots, make up the material, ship it quickly and clean up the item prepared to sell at the low price. Thus there will be a definite time limit on every item offered. We know that you will take advantage of these offers. We know that you ought to tell your friends and other collectors about them. Tell them to subscribe to this paper so they can watch for these offers.

We intend to start a sales campaign and a subscription campaign to enlarge our market. We are going to offer you bargains that will keep you interested and that will get you enthused also and make you want to help us in this great effort. Who knows, maybe this plan of sales which we are about to adopt will become so successful that we will determine to continue it as our regular policy. If such is done, you will benefit in years to come by getting lower prices on all your LINPRINT MERCHANDISE.

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British Colonial Issues

The KenMore Kollector states that a new 2½d stamp, a new value, will be added to Nigeria's current issue. Also new 5c and 9c values for the Straits Settlements. At the present time no further supplies of Somaliland stamps are obtainable from the Crown Agents. Additional new values can be expected from time to time as the various units of the Empire adjust their postal rates and postal paper to war time needs.

First Day Calendar

1½c Martha Washington sheet stamps with Electric Eye markings (the addition of these markings on the sheet margins being the only difference) to be issued Jan. 16 at the Philatelic Agency and Washington, D. C., post office. P. O. will not service covers.

• Salvador's latest series of air mails show the coffee plant in blossom and also with ripened beans.

• On prisoner's mail from Germany, a postmark having the usual form of double-ringed circle is used, but all lettering except the date is missing. Such mail is sent without postage under an international agreement which is universally observed.

• Swaziland in 1934 prepared stamps for Official use, but upon learning this was contrary to a policy of the Crown Agents, the stamps were destroyed before any were used.

Perfs and Imperfs

BRITISH PHILATELIC PUBLISHers are suffering mishaps now and then, fortunately none serious so far. Witness the air raid which drove the news agents of one magazine from their offices and upon cautious return a week later, the edition which had been delivered just prior to the raid was discovered missing. Result, a scurry to locate enough copies to supply subscribers.

EDWARD S. BETTS OF ELSIE IN sending some comments about Pitcairn also sent new issue editor Shepard a souvenir of the island: a dried and painted leaf with pen inscription "Pitcairn," such as are supplied the infrequent visitors.

IN LINE WITH OUR THREAT (?) to publish the names of annonymous philatelic columnists we note that New York auctioneer Paul Bluss not long ago inserted a notice offering a suitable reward for such information concerning a columnist of the *Stamp Wholesaler*.

THAT ADVT. OF "BUYER C/O LINprint" has brought several readers to our office with stamps to sell. The advt. is not by a local dealer, will readers please note and we can only forward communications.

THE OTHER DAY A QUESTIONnaire for S. P. A. members from J. Edward Vining, the very active President. It is part of Mr. Vining's campaign to revitalize the Society and asks many questions which will serve to guide the officers in their work. It also makes each member feel that he is taking part, and that never does any club harm.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA lies the first edition of the catalogs of a December 9th auction by H. R. Harmer. By the photo-lith process a second edition was gotten out in time to avoid postponing the sale. Which shows how dealers overcome current difficulties.

CATALOGUE NUMBERS
Unless it is otherwise stated in the advertisement all catalogue numbers quoted in advertisements in this issue are those of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

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Conglomerates From Chicago

By SEYMOUR A. RISH

Send items of interest concerning the Chicago area to Seymour A. Rish, Linn's Chicago correspondent, 3409 W. Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Rish will appreciate hearing from any readers who have news items of general interest.

The Central Federation of Stamp Clubs has advised me they have added three clubs to their membership list since the announcement which appeared in my Oct. 19 column. The additions are:

Steel City Stamp Club of Joliet, Ill.
Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago.
Glen Ellyn (Ill.) Philatelic Club.

They have also informed me that W. V. Kenworthy, a member of the Austin Philatelic Club, prepared the drawing for the International Philatelic Week official seal and label, a copy of which was reproduced in my Nov. 9 column.

The North Shore Philatelic Society, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, in reply to my request, wishes to announce that their meetings are held at 8 p. m. the second and fourth Monday of each month.

As a hint to the Christmas public, Postmaster Ernest J. Kruetgen of Chicago, dropped 300 of his personal greeting cards in the mail on Dec. 6. "I'm just practicing what I preach," the postmaster said. "I've been pleading with everybody to do his Christmas mailing early. So why shouldn't I do mine?"

Dr. Stanley F. Pryzgocki, 4868 W. Warner Ave., Chicago, was scheduled to address the pupils of the Cleveland School, 3850 N. Albany, on Dec. 11. His subject was, "The Famous American Commemorative Series as Pertaining to School Work." Dr. Pryzgocki is a member of the Chicago and the Austin Philatelic Societies. He is also a past president of the Gateway Club.

International First Flight Jan. 3

On January 3 air mail service will be inaugurated between Moncton, N. B. and Bangor, Maine with cachets from each city. Covers to postmasters. Canadian postmaster will affix postage (6c is air rate to U. S.) if money order payable to the Receiver General of Canada at Moncton is sent. Time is short.

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Dealers Publications

In connection with selling out of their entire stock R. Thomas and Co., Inc. (whose ads will be found in our columns) have issued two mimeographed lists of sets which they have titled Bargain Price List No. 1 and No. 2. Copies may be obtained by writing them at 1418 Mohawk St., Chicago, Ill.

The first 1941 edition of their pocket price and check list of U. S. has arrived from Tatham Stamp and Coin Co., Springfield, Mass. This may be used as a pocket check list by collectors and the firm will gladly send a copy if requested.

Dealers who have not yet obtained a copy of the House of Farnam, Inc.'s new 1941 Wholesale Price List may obtain one simply by requesting it. Write them at their new location, 510 Swetland Bldg., Cleveland, O. It lists singles and sets, also U. S. used and on first day covers. Heading the listings will be found a short poem (?) by partner McLoud who composed it after spending weeks renumbering and pricing the stock:

"We hope the numbers are correct,
But if you find they're not,
Don't be harsh in judging us—
Just blame it all on Scott."

Herman Herst, Jr., 116 Nassau St., New York, has just issued the Seventh Edition of his Wholesale Price List of U. S. Stamps. It will be sent recognized dealers requesting upon their letterheads a copy.

It was received too late to mention in time for our readers to use it, but Finbar Kenny of Macy's Philatelic Centre, New York City, got out a handsome illustrated booklet of philatelic gift suggestions for Christmas. Stamps of all kinds and a full variety of acessories were included, prices being a full range from a few cents to hundreds of dollars. He says that in producing the list, they "are trying to continue the policy of putting merchandising into the stamp business."

London Agencies Wanted

A curious result of the war has been the demand by English dealers through their trade magazine, *The Philatelic Trader*, that foreign governments whose stamps are printed in England place these stamps on sale in England through bureaus or agencies. English dealers, due to the wartime restrictions, can not purchase stamps abroad and they urge that when stamps are printed, a quantity be retained in England to meet philatelic needs.

• Papua planned to issue a 1 shilling, six pence air mail stamp on January 2 to meet new air mail rates, says the *Philatelic Magazine*.

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New Books Received

The Stamp Collectors' Guide and Glossary, published by the *New York Sun*, 280 Broadway, New York, 47 pages 5½x7½, paper cover, price 10c of publisher. This is a new edition of the handy booklets compiled by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., the Sun's capable stamp columnist. It contains numerous tables giving dates of and quantities issued and first day covers sent (where these figures are known) of U. S. Commemoratives and various foreign issues commemorating U. S. events. Tables of the British Coronations and Jubilees are included, a list of philatelic agencies, identification table and glossary of philatelic terms. Informative to the beginner and helpful to anyone writing up specialized collections.

Lawrence Brothers Presidential Bureau Print Precancel Catalogue, 8 pages 6x9 inches, no cover, price 10c of the publishers at Anamosa, Iowa. Essentially a price list, this publication follows the trend of dealers to term their price lists "catalogues". The catalogue lists all of these stamps issued up until a recent date, priced at double the price for which Lawrence Brothers will sell the stamps. This seemingly is a concession to the collector who buys only at a discount, not stopping to think that it is the price paid, not the discount that matters.

Know Your Stamps, Part III, by Frank Aretz, published by Marks Stamp Co., Ltd., 258 College St., Toronto, Ontario, 72 pages 6x9 inches, paper cover, illustrated, price 35c of the publishers. This is the final section of published list of counterfeits compiled by the late Mr. Aretz. It includes countries from "M" to "Z" and tells the differences of many fairly common stamps. Helpful to both collector and dealer, particularly in view of the large illustrations. From the descriptions given it will be noted by the reader that dangerous forgeries exist of many fairly well known stamps frequently met in collections.

• Lorraine in the 91 years since stamps were first used there, has in turn used stamps of the Second French Republic, The French Empire, German Occupation, German Empire, Third French Republic and now again German Occupation issues.

• A defective "SEP" date slug in San Francisco's machine cancellation with die number 8 added 100 to dates making them read "SEP 113" instead of "SEP 13." Adam Gruenig of Ceres, Calif., submits specimens.

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• With the introduction of new metal coinage, Spaniards will discard the pill boxes containing unused stamps which they have carried since the Civil War. Stamps were practically the only means of making change for small amounts, hence the pill boxes served as convenient "change containers."

POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

A Record of New Issues
By Ray Shepard
1529 Duxberry Ave., Columbus, Ohio

—Illustration courtesy J. Chas. Baxter of Columbus Citizen

UNITED STATES—Revenue Stamps. New engraved series. This issue we will term the "1940 Issue", to distinguish it from the 1917 Issue with the overprint "Series 1940." We have no information at this writing as to the exact denominations in the set, but are informed that it will comprise all the denominations that made up the previous issue. The central design of the stamp is a portrait, apparently of the various Secretaries of the Treasury as the 1c starts with Alexander Hamilton and the $1,000 ends with S. P. Chase. The entire set is overprinted "Series 1940" in light faced gothic type. This overprint would indicate that it is the department's intention to each year overprint the new year on the stamps.

Fugitive Ink Set. Six denominations of the new designs have been also overprinted "Series 1940" in fugitive ink so that moisture when applied to the overprint, will make the ink run. The values so treated are 1c, 2c, 3c, $1, $2 and $5.

(Morton D. Joyce)

We trust the foregoing will not be confusing to our readers and to further try and clarify same, we note below the now three existing 1940 U. S. Revenue sets:

#1—1917 Issue overprinted "Series 1940"
#2—New designs (complete set) overprinted in black ink "Series 1940"
#3—Six values of the new designs overprinted in fugitive ink "Series 1940"

COSTA RICA—Commemoratives. Heralded in our notes of December 7th. Two values have been received on first day cover from Mr. J. A. Weston. The cancelation is December 3rd and not the 2nd, as announced in our previous notes. Each value is overprinted in two lines in small light faced type "DIA PANAMERICANO DE LA SALUD 2 DICIEMBRE 1940."

CUBA—Tuberculosis Stamp. Small upright rectangular format, perf. 10. Issued December 1st:

1c. dark blue (Symbolical. Woman protecting children from tuberculosis)

(Rafael R. Garcia)

GERMANY—Winter Help Semi-Postals. All are upright rectangular format pictorials, showing various public buildings and scenes:

3pf. plus 2pf. deep brown
4pf. plus 3pf. very dark blue
5pf. plus 3pf. emerald
6pf. plus 4pf. deep olive green
8pf. plus 4pf. rich orange
12pf. plus 6pf. rose carmine
15pf. plus 10pf. sepia
25pf. plus 15pf. ultramarine
40pf. plus 35pf. plum

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY—Restoration of Independence of Portugal Commemoratives. Engraved, perf. 12½, unwmkd., upright rectangular format 28x44mm:

40c. sea-green & black (King John IV on his Charger)
50c. purple & green (same)
60c. carmine & blue (same)
70c. orange-brown & green (same)
80c. carmine & green (same)
1E. blue & black (same)

(R. Roberts)

NETHERLANDS — Provisionals. Surcharge is a large double line numeral, with scroll work covering the entire design; surcharge is in black on all except the 12½ on 3c. which is dark blue:

A24— 5c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 7½c. on 3c. vermilion
A24— 10c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24—12½c. on 3c. light blue
A24—17½c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 20c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24—22½c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 25c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 35c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 40c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 50c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 60c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 70c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 80c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 100c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 250c. on 3c. yellow-green
A24— 500c. on 3c. yellow-green

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Gibbons' Stamp Monthly also says that new stamps are to be issued to replace those with the Queen Wilhelmina portrait. Unlike those issued in Poland, they will have no reference to the fact that Netherlands is German-occupied territory.

PERU—Provisional. Undernoted stamp overprinted in three lines in black, the numeral rather large "HABILITADA 5 CTS.":

A155—10c scarlet

(Nelson Foster)

PORTUGAL—800th Anniversary of Independence and 300th Anniversary of Restoration Commemoratives. Recess printed, perf. 11½x12:

10c. lake (Imperial Pavilions, Lisbon Exposition)
15c. blue-green (Statue of John IV)
25c. dark slate-green (Caravel)
35c. chrome-green (same as 15c.)
80c. lilac (same as 10c.)
1E. dark red (same as 25c.)

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

World Exposition of 1940. Commemorative.
80c. violet-brown (Exposition Buildings)

(Stamp Collecting)

NORWAY—Over two months ago, the high value kroner stamps bearing King Haakon's portrait, were suppressed. The Germans wish to remove all memories of the Norwegian Royal family and for this reason have also forbidden any further sale of Queen Maud charity stamps.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

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99	(2c)	1.75
101	(2c)	2.00
137	(48c)	1.00
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170	(96c)	1.50

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41	(6p)	3.00
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45	(½p)	1.25
47	(2p)	1.75
49	(2p)	1.50
49a	(2p)	1.50
49b	(2p)	1.75
50	(4p)	1.00
52	(6p)	1.50
52a	(6p)	1.50
53	(8p)	1.50
55	(9p)	1.00
56	(10p)	1.30
57	(1sh)	1.00
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59	(3p)	2.50
60	(5p)	1.75
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95	(5c)	2.00
101	(10c)	3.50
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108	(1r12c)	3.25
109	(5c)	1.75
112	(1r12c)	1.35
125	(30c)	1.00
137	(2c)	2.00
139	(2c)	2.00
141d	(2c)	2.00
153	(1R50)	1.40
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BROADWAY Chatter

Two weeks ago I mentioned the beautiful collection of British Colonials which Jacob Braner had for sale, I also mentioned that the collection would probably be sold by the time the column appeared. The Downtown Stamp Co. of Newark, N. J., paid $1,200.00 for this lot. Rudy Nowell, the proprietor has maintained one of the finest stamp stocks in this country and says, "I spend more time filling want lists for dealers than I do waiting on my own customers."

The Costa Rican overprint set is proving to be a good wholesalers item in New York. The price for this set changes every hour. One thing can be certain is that no more than 1500 complete sets can exist.

A German overprint on French stamps has caused a little furor in the big city. Lack of information has resulted in a wary attitude by many toward the set.

Lesgor and Reel announced the purchase of the general stock, good will and name of the Nassau Stamp Company, from Harmer Rooke & Co., Inc. This means that the well known Nassau name will not pass out of existance, as Messrs. Lesgor and Reel intend to use the name of Nassau Stamp Company.

It seems that Chile's reissue of the Pan American stamp will never see the U. S. According to reports from Santiago speculators have purchased the entire supply and the stamp is selling locally at many times face value.

Still another South American short issue is being noted in New York. Some time ago Paraguay surcharged a current stamp in black as a mourning stamp for their late president, reports from Asuncion indicate that only a few thousand were released instead of the 50,000 which were intended. Now with this news being made known, look for a mad scramble for this stamp.

Last week I wished all a Merry Christmas, so this week I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Essays and Proofs At Auction

1,065 lots of U. S. essays and proofs comprise the Jan. 14-15 auction of J. C. Morgenthau and Co., Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York City. Most of the items listed in Mason's book on U. S. Essays are included, as well as others not listed. In addition to esays for adhesive stamps there are many for the envelopes, and a group of 30 or more revenues including private proprietary. Over 700 lots of the sale are individual trial color proofs from the special printing of proofs of all stamps in five colors each in 1881 for display at the International Cotton Exposition at Atlanta. Only 500 complete sets were printed, and these have been scattered far and wide with the result that less than half a dozen complete sets are known to exist, and the present offering is one of the few times single items are available of these beautiful items. Catalogues of the sale may be obtained free upon request.

The 50 Traded Destroyers

The "U. S. C. S. Log" official monthly of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, recently published what they believe to be the complete list of the 50 destroyers traded by the U. S. to Britain. The ships which had prior to transfer a navy post office included: U. S. S. Abbot, Aulick, Bailey, Bancroft, Branch, Buchanan, Crowninshield, Claxton, Doran, Edwards, Evans, Foote, Fairfax, Hale, Herndon, Haraden, Hopewell, Hunt, Leary, Laub, Maddox, Meade, McCook, McSalla, McKenzie, McLanahan, Philip, Rodgers, Satterlee, Shubrick, Swasey, Thatcher, Twiggs, Thomas, Abel P. Upshur, Williams, Welborn C. Wood, Aaron Ward, Welles, Wickes, and Yarnall. These ships did not have postal service prior to leaving the U. S.: — Conway, Cowell, Conner, Kalk, Robinson, Ringgold, Sigourney, Stockton and Tillman.

The British Admiralty assigned to the 50 ships names of towns and villages common both to the United States and Britain, some dominion or possession.

• Lisse, Netherlands last September was using a cancellation which was inscribed both in English and Dutch "Center of Bulb District." A specimen is at hand courtesy Adam Gruenig.

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Des Moines No Narrow

It was my privilege to examine one of the new 1c Defense buros from Des Moines, Iowa. After comparing it with previous prexy issues from Des Moines, I am satisfied that it is definitely NOT A NARROW. At least the one I examined was not. It is quite possible though that Narrows exist. As I pointed out some time back that narrow plates and the old plates could be used together as they fit in as any two plates could be fitted on the precancelling press and do not have to be mates to work. So it may be possible, but not probable, that the 1c Des Moines Defense does exist in the narrow type. One thing causes me to think that the party who reported the item as narrow was fooled by the trick plate used by Des Moines. I have ½c Prexies in which the legend is much nearer the top line than the bottom line, half the width of a letter to be exact. This occurs only in Des Moines plates and the 1c Defense I examined was exactly like the ½c Prexies. So that settles that, I hope.

Defense Items

Besides the 1c Des Moines, I have seen the 1c Dayton and 1c Peoria. Geo. E. Gurney of Farragut, Iowa, reports the Burlington, Iowa, Defense. In the next two weeks there will be plenty of them.

Notes

The "Baltimore Oriole," official bulletin of the Baltimore, (Md.) Precancel Club, came in today with a 1c Defense from Randallstown, Md., in U-127. —No more buros from Springfield, Ohio, I am told. The Crowell Publishing Co. has installed three lovely meters and nobody else in Springfield needs any buros. —Springfield City types 5c and 30c invert U-17. 14c in U-121-N, Presidentials of course. —Gomer, Ohio, 1c Pres. U-122. Type and town collectors please note. —In looking over some mixtures the other day I came across a regular postal cancellation that intrigued me. SMACKOVER, ARK. Leave it to the Pine Ridge folks for a name. The cancellation was a parcel post type covering two stamps. When will we get a precancel from there?

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